

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION
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EXCAVATION

1. SCOPE

The work shall consist of the excavation required by the drawings and specifications and disposal of the excavated materials.

2. USE OF EXCAVATED MATERIALS

To the extent they are needed, all suitable materials from the specified excavations shall be used in the construction of required permanent earth or rock fill. The suitability of materials for specific purposes shall be determined by the NRCS Engineer or designated representative. The contractor shall not waste or otherwise dispose of suitable excavated materials.

3. DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIALS

All surplus or unsuitable excavated materials will be designated as waste and shall be disposed of at the locations shown on the drawings or designated by NRCS Engineer or designated representative or landowner.

4. BRACING AND SHORING

Excavated surfaces too steep to be safe and stable if unsupported, shall be supported as necessary to safeguard the work and workmen, to prevent sliding or settling of the adjacent ground, and to avoid damaging existing improvements. The width of the excavation shall be increased if necessary to provide space for shoring, trench shields or other supporting installations. The contractor shall furnish, place and subsequently remove such supporting installations.

5. STRUCTURE AND TRENCH EXCAVATION

Structure or trench excavation shall be completed to the specified elevations and to sufficient length and width to include allowance for forms, bracing and supports, as necessary, before any concrete or earth fill is placed or any piles are driven within the limits of the excavation.

6. BORROW EXCAVATION

When the quantities of suitable materials obtained from specified excavations are insufficient to construct the specified fills, additional materials shall be obtained from the borrow areas. The extent and depth of borrow pits within the limits of the borrow areas shall be as directed by the NRCS Engineer or designated representative.

Borrow pits shall be excavated and graded in a manner to eliminate steep or unstable side slopes or other hazardous or unsightly conditions. Disturbed areas shall be revegetated as shown on the plans.

7. OVER-EXCAVATION

Excavation beyond the specified lines and grades shall be corrected by filling the resulting voids with approved compacted earth fill, except that if the earth is to become the subgrade for riprap, rock fill, sand or gravel bedding, or drain fill, the voids may be filled with material conforming to the specifications for the riprap, rock fill, bedding or drain fill.

8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS WHICH APPLY TO THIS JOB